



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Summer Term Issue 7
7th June 2024

It has been really good to be back this week, after the half term break. However, I would like to start this week by looking back to the Friday before half term where we had the class Art Galleries at the end of our Art Week. It was really fantastic to be able to invite parents into the classrooms to see their children's work and there were some wonderful moments when the children took great pride in discussing their work with their parents. Several parents also requested to go and visit other year groups where they do not have children, in order that they could see what other year groups were doing in their Art lessons. Parents were very appreciative of the opportunity to come into school to see their children's work and this is something we will do regularly in the future with other subjects. I have always said that the education here at St Mary's is a partnership between home and school and this was a great moment to see this partnership in action.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, Miss Garip got married over the half term break and we have included a picture in today's newsletter. What was lovely was the fact that the children in Year 3 had created a tablecloth that was used in the cake table, so that the children were very much a part of the special day.

Well done to all the pupils in Year 4 who have successfully completed their Multiplication Tables Check during the course of this week. The results for those will be sent to us in late June and we will communicate them to parents. Next week is the Phonics screening check for our Year 1 pupils and we wish them well with that.

Tomorrow afternoon, two of our Year 5 pupils are being confirmed at St Mary's Church, North Mymms, by the Bishop of Hertford. We offer our prayers for them as they take this step in their Christian life.

Our half termly value this half term is loyalty. In Collective Worship on Monday we discussed what loyalty means and how it can be shown. As we mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day this week, we can think of the loyalty all the servicemen and women showed to King and Country in June 1944 and I will leave you with a quote from General Montgomery on the eve of the D-Day landings:

"To us is given the honour of striking a blow for freedom which will live in history; and in the better days that lie ahead men will speak with pride of our doings."

We thank them for their loyalty in establishing the freedoms by which we can live today.

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

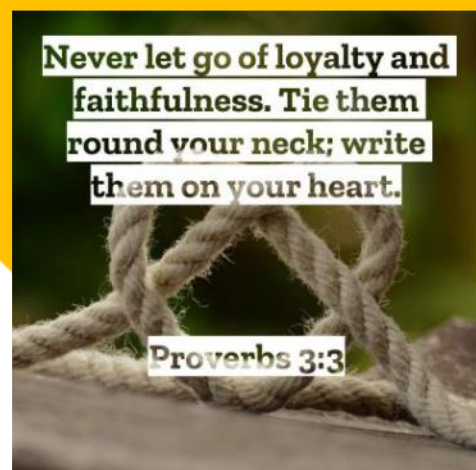
Headteacher



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Loyalty



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HOUSEPOINTS



I am pleased to report that House Points this week were as follows:

178



117



106



105



Well done Badgers!

Running Totals:

178

117

106

105

STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated by the TAs for good manners and joined Mrs Bartlett on the Star Table.

Reception - Jayden

Year 1 - Leo

Year 2 - Cale

Year 3 - Mikayla

Year 4 - Jayden

Year 5 - Jack

Year 6 - Nana

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

Reception - Verity

Year 1 - Annabelle

Year 2 - Matilda

Year 3 - Matthew

Year 4 - Michelle

Year 5 - Max

Year 6 - Aayan

Congratulations to all these children.

ATTENDANCE STARS

Hawking 97.2%



Attenborough 96.5%



SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Tuesday 11th June	Parents' Evening—Remote 4:30pm till 7pm
Wednesday 12th June	Parents' Evening—In person 3:30pm till 5:30pm
Friday 14th June	PTA Father's Day Sale
Tuesday 18th June	Whole School Book Swap at The Memorial Hall
Saturday 22nd June	Summer Fayre 12pm till 4pm
Wednesday 26th June	Hatfield School District Athletics
Wednesday 3rd July	Sports Day—12:30pm till 3:00pm
Thursday 4th July	Year 6 trip to Stanborough Water Park
Tuesday 9th July	Sports Day reserve date in case of bad weather
Thursday 11th July	Transition Day
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term service—10am St Mary's Church
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term— School ends 1:45pm
Monday 2nd September	Inset Day—School Closed
Tuesday 3rd September	Inset Day—School Closed
Wednesday 4th September	Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am

PTA Raffle Prizes

Vouchers

Gym pass

Toys

Hampers

Gift card

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We are a welcoming Christian community where every child has the chance to flourish.

We bring and share joy, inspire daily and creatively equip children for the future.

We're thankful for all that God has provided; proud of where He has placed us; and excited at the potential to come.

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The Eric Liddell Award for

Loyalty



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,
inspiration and joy"*

Never let go of loyalty and faithfulness. Tie them round your neck; write them on your heart. (Proverbs 3:3)

Prayer of the Week

Teach us, Lord, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to seek for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will.

Amen

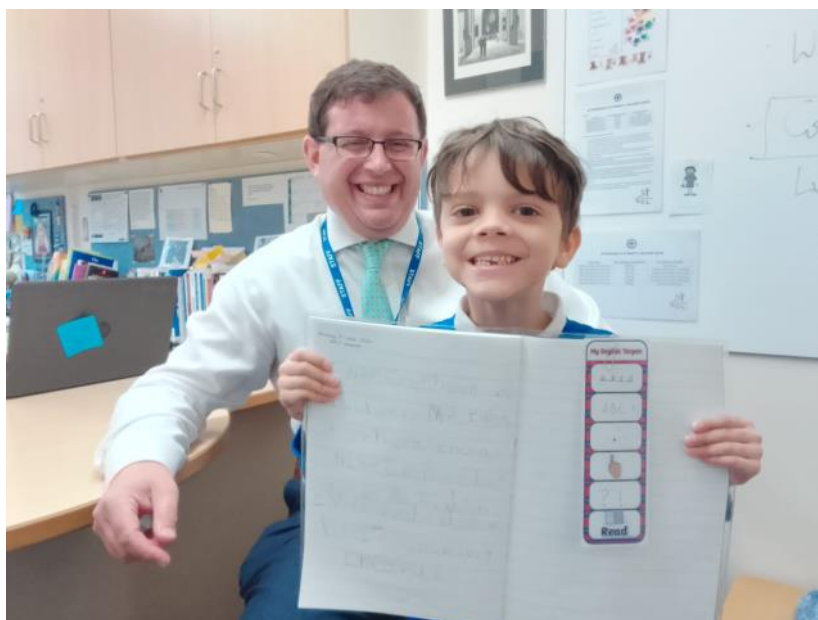
Reception - Elizabeth

This week Reception have begun to look at the season of summer. We have explored changes in the weather, what we may see, clothing, what we like to eat and activities we enjoy. The children have also written facts that they can recall about summer. In Maths, we have been focusing on comparing amounts (using vocabulary such as more, less, the same) and one more (than a small group of objects). It would be great if the children could continue to practise this at home.



Year 1 - Curie

The children came back from half term full of enthusiasm for learning and this has been evident throughout the week with their engagement in class. In English, we have started a new book called 'Lost and Found'. The children were surprised to find a 'penguin' in the class on return from Collective Worship on Monday, who had a tag to show he was lost and needed help to get home. This led to some wonderful questions for the penguin and as the week has gone on we have written letters and instructions to help the penguin get home. In Maths, we have started finding out about fractions and the children particularly enjoyed finding 'half' of a muffin! In Science, we explored the school grounds to answer a question from Mr Petty - 'Are there more garden flowers or wild flowers in the school grounds?' Ask your children what we found out! Please remember, your children are doing their special 'Phonics job' for us next week so any practise at the weekend would be appreciated. Have a good weekend.



Year 2 - Hawking

In Maths, we have been focussing on the five and ten times tables using picture objects, groupings and manipulatives. We have also looked at dividing by five and ten. Students were used for demonstrative modelling to answer questions, such as thirty divided by five. The class were engaged and could visually see how dividing is sharing objects, thus making the concept more memorable.

In English, we have continued with Grandad's camper story book. The focus this week was discussing memorable objects and using expanded noun phrases to describe the item using a few of our five senses. E.g. delicious, salty chips (taste) or squawking, swooping seagulls (hear). The class were taught about alliterations and practiced using this in their writing.

In PSHE, the class created a coloured bunting flag. On one side of the flag, they had to either write or draw about things that made them feel safe and on the other side things that made them feel unsafe. We brainstormed ideas as a class and created a mind map so that they felt more confident writing and for use as a writing scaffold. We will be hanging them up in the classroom to make a beautiful, colourful bunting.

In PE, we have started a new topic on striking and fielding. The class were coached on how to track a rolling ball in pairs. The skills progressed by using cones in a space, with one person rolling the ball at different angles and the other person tracking and aligning their feet to the ball, collecting the ball and sprinting back to their partner (who was doing star jumps as a fitness element). The partners swapped roles and practised using the correct techniques and form. They had lots of fun on the field.



Year 3 - Mandela

Another great learning week for Mandela class! We have started our Forces topic in science and conducted our first 'push' and 'pull' experiment.

We have also had a very busy Mathematics day on Monday where we explored Length and Perimeter, Money, Time and Fractions! We are preparing resources to have a 'Cafe day' where we role play going into a cafe, ordering food and drinks, paying and giving change; an important life skill.

In English, we have planned and are halfway through writing our own fantasy narrative, using the language techniques taught. Please ask your children about Onomatopoeia and personification.



Year 3 - Mandela

In Music, we have started a new term with percussion instruments. And in French we are exploring and identifying animals.

I lastly wanted to thank you all for such a beautiful response and well wishes for the news of my wedding through the half term holidays.

Your little ones have made it extra special by designing my cake table, they were all there in spirit.



Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been a busy and productive week in Attenborough class. I want to start off by saying how proud I am of all of the class for completing their multiplication test. I am so proud of how hard they have worked, and I look forward to sharing their results with you all when we receive them. In Maths this week we have been focusing on long multiplication and exploring different methods we can use. In whole class reading all the class are so engaged and enjoying our book 'Ajay and the Mumbai Sun'. This week Ajay and his team have been trying to find out who is behind the factory collapsing. In DT, we tried out different sewing techniques and stitches. We are going to be designing and creating our own money holders. In RE, our new topic is going to be looking at Judaism, this week we assessed what we knew about Hinduism. In Geography, our topic is: 'Where in the world: Europe', this week we looked at Europe and created posters about what we found out. I look forward to an exciting last half term.



Year 5 - Luther King

We have had a busy week starting back for our last half term of this year. In Maths we started a new unit, looking at perimeter. We learned how to calculate the perimeter of rectilinear shapes and work out the missing lengths of shapes using the information we have already.

In English we also started a new unit based on a book called *The Island* by Armin Greder. We have learned to recognise sentences written in the active voice and passive voice. The book is raising lots of interesting conversations about newcomers and how we can treat those that are not like us.

In Science Luther King class have been leaning about Sir Isaac Newton and how a newton is a measurement. A newton measures how strongly gravity is pulling an object down.

Why not ask your child how Sir Isaac Newton discovered gravity, it is a great story!

Lots of new learning taking place. As we are in the final term, we are thinking ahead of how much we have learned this year and how all our learning will stand us in good stead for Year 6 after the summer.



Year 6 - Goodall

This week, Year 6 Goodall have been flexing their writing muscles! They've been busy crafting thoughtful replies to letters from Mr. Guildler, putting their communication skills to the test. But that's not all – they've also been revisiting some of their earlier narratives from the year, adding a shine and polish to make them truly excellent.

Over in Maths, the focus has shifted to the real world! The class has begun exploring how Maths plays a vital role in everyday life. They've been delving into jobs, wages, and even taxes – all essential knowledge for future young adults! This exciting topic will continue over the next few weeks, tackling rent, mortgages, budgeting, and smart spending habits.

Science lessons were illuminated this week as the children wrapped up their exploration of light. A dazzling carousel of practical investigations helped them solidify their understanding of the colorful light spectrum.

Taking a break from the curriculum, Year 6 Goodall also took a moment to reflect on history. They watched and discussed the moving D-Day 80th Anniversary Newsround special, sparking important conversations about the events of D-Day and its significance within our national story. It's a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made to secure our freedom.

And finally, there's a buzz of excitement in the air as Year 6 Goodall gears up for their leavers' production. A planning session filled with fantastic ideas has set the stage for what promises to be an unforgettable performance. We can't wait to see it all come together!



Art Open Afternoon







A Big Congratulations
to Lynn on receiving
her 15 years long
service badge.

Thank you for
keeping families and
children safe at St
Mary's CE Primary in
North Mymms!

St Mary's School

SUMMER FETE



£1
entry

Family fun
for everyone

All proceeds will be going
towards new climbing frame /
playground equipment

Saturday 22nd June

12-4PM

BBQ

Refreshments

Fire engine & Police cars

Raffle & Tombola

Bouncy castles & inflatable obstacle course*

Beat the goalie

And much more

*Unlimited use of inflatables with £10 wristbands which includes free entry to fete for children

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